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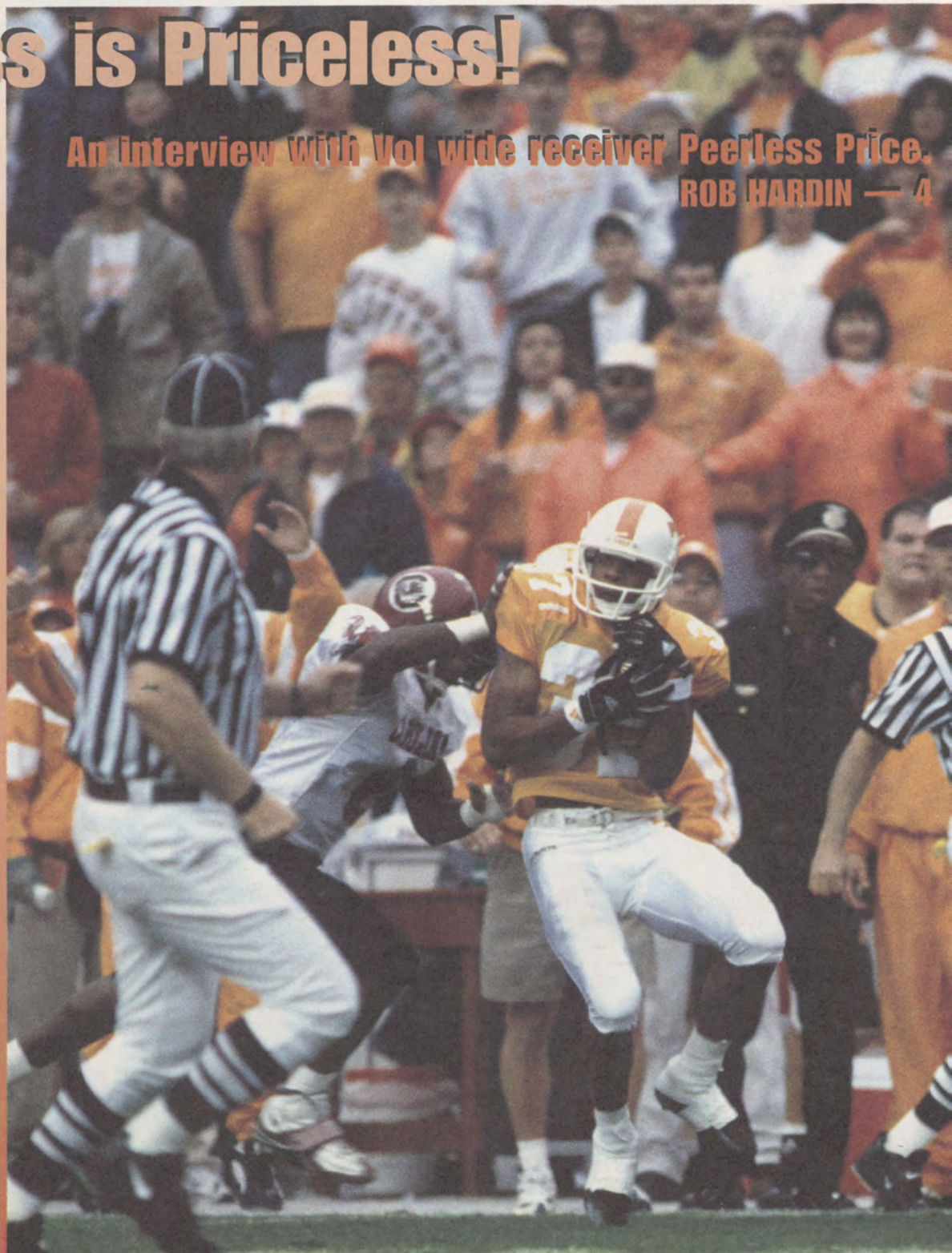

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From the Editor

A Salute to the Vol Seniors

Vol seniors are involved in a couple of closing rituals this week that go right to the heart and soul of Tennessee football and to a young man's love for this grand old university.

There are experiences in life that only produce goose pimples, but others that bring a lump to the throat.

An example of the former is the Vol football team running through the "T" at Neyland Stadium. Anybody whose spine doesn't tingle at that magic moment just doesn't have his goose pimple assembly in proper working order.

Depending on how you express your feelings, the exercise known as the "Last Tackle" will bring forth a flood of tears or at least a catch in the throat. Anybody who can observe the "Last Tackle" and not have his emotions stirred may have overstayed his allotted years on the planet.

Now I'm a tough old bird, thick of skin and not given to maudlin sentimentality. Still, I've been known to choke up on occasion, like at the movies when Forrest Gump overcomes barriers and receives his diploma and when Mr. Holland's students return to school and play in the orchestra for his retirement concert.

The "Last Tackle" is along the same lines. Too bad everybody can't watch it, the same way they get to see the seniors race through the "T" the final time. Unfortunately, the "Last Tackle" is conducted at the closing practice before the end of the regular season. Like all practices, it's not open to the public.

But, I wish you could have been there the Thursday before the Vanderbilt game when Coach Fulmer lined up the seniors, talked about them individually, and sent them sprinting down a chute formed by the entire squad. They hit a tackling dummy, dressed like a Vanderbilt player, at the end of the line to the cheers of their undergraduate teammates.

Then they began a solo walk into the dressing room, alone with their thoughts, alone with their memories.

And if you were a Tennessee Vol these last four years, your thoughts would be mostly good ones, about victories over traditional opponents and about bowl trips every season.

More than anything else, though, they would be about the camaraderie you enjoyed with coaches and players, with managers and student trainers at practice every day and about the special bond that exists between the Vols and the Tennessee fans.

The "Last Tackle" is for every senior, for Peyton Manning, Marcus Nash and Cory Gaines and for all the stars. But, I suspect, it means even more for the walk-on players, the ones who stuck it out for four years without a scholarship. Most of them came out for football with no assurance they would play so much as play a single down for their alma mater. But so what?, was their attitude. They loved this old joint and gave it everything they had, free of charge.

These are blood-and-guts Tennessee men, volunteers in the dictionary meaning of the word, and for Brent Beavers and Michael Traa and the other mostly unrecognized UT walk-ons, the "Last Tackle" was another reminder that they, too, have been contributors to the Big Orange tradition.

Godspeed.

—Haywood Harris

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A Look At The Vols...

PEERLESS IS PRICELESS!

After the ninth game of the season, his stat line reads 33 catches for 451 yards and four touchdowns.

These numbers are no doubt indicative of a solid season, but are even more impressive because they belong to junior Peerless Price, someone who was not even supposed to play this year.

During the Orange and White game in the spring, Price dove for a ball in the endzone and a DB landed on his ankle. The ankle was broken and required surgery. The initial prognosis was Price was out for the season, but someone forgot to tell him that.

After surgery, Price began an extensive and aggressive rehabilitation process. The result was Price getting two catches for 22 yards and a touchdown in the season opening win over Texas Tech.

"Anytime anyone doubts you, it puts a lot of motivation in you to go out and show them you can do what they say you can't," he said. "That was where my motivation began. The prospect of Peyton coming back for his senior year really made me want to get out there with the team as well."

Price fought his way back for the season opener, but when the injury occurred there was doubts that he would even attempt a comeback.

"I was thinking 'Why me,'" he said. "As soon as I was told I started crying and saying 'Why me.' The next two or three days I really thought about whether I wanted to play football anymore, because I thought that was the end of the world. But a week or two later, I really started believing I was going to be back out there, because people were doubting that I could come back and play this season."

Price has been back for the entire season, but only recently has he gotten to 100 percent.

"If it is not 100 percent, it is pretty close," he said. "I feel like I can catch the ball and run with it now. At the beginning of the season, I would catch the ball and get tackled. I wasn't really trying to make things happen. These last three or four games, I have been trying to make things happen after the catch, the way I was doing against Northwestern in the Citrus Bowl last year.

"When I would go to the training room during my rehab and couldn't do particular things, I would wonder when I would be able to do things again. It was just probably a month ago when I felt like I could do everything I used to be able to do."

The first couple of games this season, Price was hesitant at times, as he was worried about his ankle.

"The first couple of games, I did not really want to go across the middle, and I did not want to run the post pattern that I got hurt on," he said. "As the season has progressed, I have gotten more comfortable and better doing it."

Perhaps Price made the state-

Peerless Price is always looking for the extra yard and a way to get the ball into the end zone for the Vols.

ment he was back in the Vols' 38-21 win over Alabama, the third in the past three years. Price had four receptions for 78 yards, including a 52 touchdown strike from quarterback Peyton Manning. Getting the deep ball was a big confidence boost for the Dayton, Ohio, native.

"That catch was what I needed," he said. "Peyton is excited about me being back to where I used to be and will be looking for me more often now."

Price is back and the Vols offense has been clicking for the entire season. The offense is rolling up 473 yards a game with Manning leading the attack. Through nine games, he has connected on 225 of 372 passes for 2764 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Leading the way in the receiving corps in those games are Marcus Nash with 58 catches for 828 yards and Jeremaine Copeland with 44 for 570 yards. Price then brings his 33 receptions to the table. Freshman tailback Jamal Lewis has added the running game to the Vol attack as he has rolled up 930 as the Vols have posted an 8-1 record.

"The offense is doing its thing," Price said. "We feel like we can hand the ball the Jamal and he will go the distance. Peyton can throw the ball to Jeremaine, Marcus or me and we can go the distance. We feel like we can do anything we want to and it is great to have that feeling and know whoever has the ball can make the big play. I am glad we have talent like that."

The Vol offense might have been at its peak in the 44-20 win over Southern Mississippi as Copeland had 11 catches, Nash 10 and Price six. It was big turnaround for the passing game from the win win over South Carolina, when the running attack shouldered the offensive load.

"We had to come out and prove a point in the Southern Miss game," Price said. "Everybody around here and around the country was looking to see how we were going to respond after the South Carolina game. We responded to the challenge. Coach Fulmer challenged the receivers last week. He told us we had to get the passing game going, and we opened up his eyes and the eyes of people around the country."

The triple threat of Nash, Copeland and Price proved too much for the Golden Eagles.

"The other receivers help me out a lot," Price said. "Most of the teams focus in on Marcus and double-team him. So Peyton tells me that we are going to have the one-on-one battles. The second half of Southern Miss game, Marcus and Jeremaine were being double-covered and that left me one-on-one. Then I had five catches in the second half."

One of those catches went for a score. After two near misses earlier in the game, Price finally hauled in Manning pass for a touchdown.

"I had to get one," he said. "The first two fade routes were close. The defensive back made good plays on both of those routes. Peyton changed the play to the fade route on the one I caught, and I am glad he gave me the opportunity."

Price got a touchdown and folks in Big Orange country got an All-SEC type receiver in Peerless. He is certainly doing his part to carry on the tradition of wide receivers at UT, one of the reasons he chose to continue his football career as a Vol.

"When I was thinking about coming to Tennessee, I thought about how well the coaching staff represented themselves at my house," he said. "Then I was thinking about the tradition of wide receivers UT has had. I wanted the opportunity to play with Peyton at quarterback. I knew it was going to be a great learning experience, and I am glad to be a part of it.

"Next year, hopefully I will carry on the legacy of the tradition here. Jeremaine and I can be the go-to guys next year. I hope to have little kids say they want to be like Peerless Price."

—Rob Hardin

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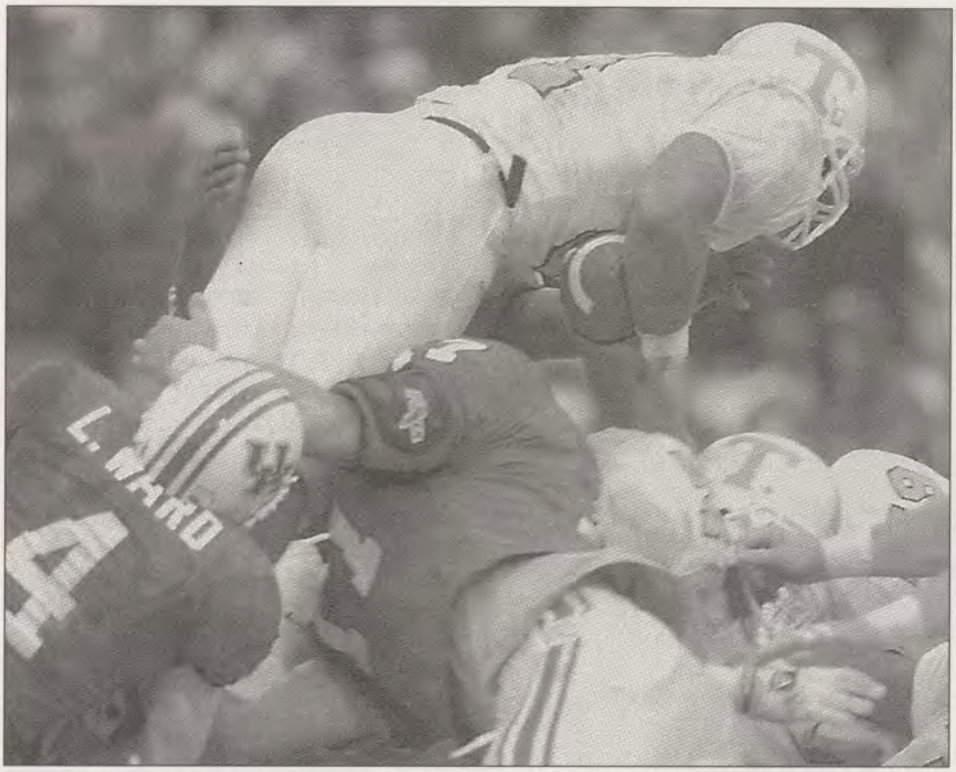

Jamal Lewis dives for one of his three rushing touchdowns as the Vols defeated Kentucky 59-31 at Commonwealth Stadium. Game photos by Byron Small and Clay Owen of The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

Commonwealth Stadium, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 22, 1997 -- It was cold and dark here today as Tennessee and Kentucky teed it up for the 93rd time. But the "Peyton, Marcus and Jamal" show, one of the most entertaining in Orange and White annals in recent memory, was white-hot, leading the Vols to a 59-31 victory over host Kentucky, keeping the "Beer Barrel" in Knoxville another year.

Manning competed 25 of 35 passes for a school-record 523 yards and four scores, while Lewis rushed 21 times for 128 yards and three scores and caught three passes for 105 yards and still another score, as the Vols, leading but 24-21 after two periods, exploded for 35 in the second half to take the victory.

Kentucky shocked the Vols with a score off the opening kickoff, but the Vols recovered to lead 17-7 after one period and 38-24 after three quarters. Lewis put the capper on the day's work with two fourth-quarter scores.

Lewis became the first Vol true freshman to crack the 1000-yard mark, with 1041 yards going into this week's game against Vanderbilt. He scored on runs of one, one and 21 yards and caught a 50-yard pass from Manning for his fourth score.

"I rushed pretty good today and was able to make some catches," Lewis said. "The line has been working hard, and it paid off. I have been working on catching the ball in practice.

"We have been working on passing the ball out the backfield. They keyed on me early, so Peyton made them pay for it."

Manning, for his part, found Marcus Nash, who caught seven passes for 195 yards on the day, for scores covering 66 and 31 yards. He also found Andy McCullough for a 17-yard score.

"This is the kind of game you work for. The great atmosphere. The hostile crowd. They react and you try to respond. This was a big win on the road and with us playing well it will be great to take on Vanderbilt at home."
-- Peyton Manning

The Vols racked up 695 yards total offense, with an SEC-record 545 yards passing, outdistancing Georgia's 544 against Southern Mississippi in 1993.

The Vols averaged 10.7 yards per play and did all of this in just 25:18 possession time.

Vol defenders also had their moments as Terry Fair intercepted two passes and Raynoch Thompson one.

"I was challenged during the week to guard Craig Yeast in man coverage," Fair said. "I was focused all week and knew I had to have a big game. He was the leading receiver in the SEC, so I took it as a challenge to myself to hold him to a low number of receptions."

Defensive end Jonathan Brown had two sacks (-19), followed closely by Corey Terry (-4) and the ever-present Tori Noel (-3). Noel was in on 12 tackles, teammate Raynoch Thompson added eight and Cory Gaines had seven.

"The main thing was to keep them out of the end zone," Brown said. "I will take 600 yards and a win any day. I knew our offense was going to score. With our weapons we know we can score."

The Vols had receivers with solid numbers. Shawn Bryson had four catches for 70 yards and showed some verve in the open field. Jeremaine Copeland had seven catches for 72 yards and added a 22-yard toss to Bryson after making a nifty move to avoid a Wildcat defender who appeared to have the flanker pass sniffed out.

Peerless Price had three catches for 46 yards and a run for 36 on a reverse that saw Peerless find the high-speed lane down the near side and nearly find paydirt. McCullough had two catches for 57 yards, including a 40-yarder of the "bomb" variety down the far boundary.

The Vols moved to a Jeff Hall field goal from 49 yards out after the initial Wildcat score and Manning added TD tosses to Nash (59 yards), McCullough (17 yards) and Nash (66 yards) to make the score 24-14.

After Kentucky closed to 24-21 at the break, rookie Cedrick Wilson returned the second half kickoff 31 yards to the 34 and the Vols scored in three plays, the tally coming on a screen left to Lewis who simply ran away from everybody to complete the 50-yard scoring play.

Fred White stopped a fourth-and-one play on the next series and the Vols were headed goalward again. Lewis caught a 46-yarder and Price added a 24-yard catch. Lewis capped the drive with a one-yard dive.

Nash's TD came after a Kentucky onsides kick failed and came from 31 yards out.

Fair had an interception on the last play of the third stanza and the Vols added two more scores in the final canto, the first drive capped by tosses to Copeland for 35 and nine and Lewis finding the end zone, again from one yard out.

On the Vols' final drive, Lewis had a 23-yard gain and ended his day with a 21-yard burst for the score.

POSTGAME NOTES: Manning needs 207 yards to surpass Danny Wuerffel for the No. 5 position in career passing yards... Manning has now thrown for 10,669 yards and 84 TDs... The Vols are 37-5 when Manning has started at quarterback... Nash ranks No. 2 in UT receptions all-time (166) and now has 65 catches on the season, needing just five next week against Vanderbilt to surpass Joey Kent's single-season mark of 69 set in 1995... With Fair's two interceptions (five for the season and 12 in his career), he now ranks No. 8 all-time in Vol history.

WEEKEND NOTES: Tennessee's men's team moved to 4-0 by defeating Austin Peay 74-65 on Sunday afternoon... The No. 6 Aqua Vols lost to the Texas Longhorns (No. 3) at the Student Aquatic Center Saturday night by 124-119, losing in the final event... The Lady Vols basketballers remained No. 1 as they dropped No. 2 Louisiana Tech 75-61 in front of 16,490 fans at Thompson-Boling Arena... The Lady Vol volleyball team lost in the second round to Arkansas after a first round win over Alabama and finished the year with a 15-19 record (5-9 SEC.).. The 12th ranked Lady Vol swimming and diving team claimed a 146.5 to 136.5 victory over Clemson.

--Volunteers Magazine Staff

Corey Terry (left) had six tackles and a sack for the Vols while Marcus Nash (right) caught seven balls for 195 yards and three scores.

Tennessee Statistics vs. Kentucky

Team Statistics	UT	UK
First Downs	30	27
Rushing	11	7
Passing	17	17
Penalty	2	3
Rushing Attempts	29	33
Yards Gained	178	192
Yards Lost	28	34
Net Yards Rushing	150	158
Net Yards Passing	545	476
Passes Attempted	36	50
Passes Completed	26	35
Had Intercepted	0	3
Total Offensive Plays	65	83
Total Net Yards	695	634
Average Gain	10.7	7.64
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties No-Yards	4-45	9-56
Punts-Average	2-38.0	2-55.0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-71	4-75
Int. Returns-Yards	3-9	0-0
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	1-4
Time of Possession	25:12	34:48
Third Down Conversions	5-8	8-16
Fourth Down Conversions	1-1	2-4
Sacks By-Yards	4-26	1-15

TENNESSEE	17	7	21	14 — 59
KENTUCKY	7	14	3	7 — 31

1-K: Homer, pass from Couch 37. Hanson kick.
Drive: 84 yards, 7 plays, 3:08 possession, 11:52 on clock.
1-T: Hall, FG 49.
Drive: 47 yards, 7 plays, 1:51 possession, 10:00 on clock.
1-T: Nash, pass from Manning 59. Hall kick.
Drive: 82 yards, 6 plays, 2:19 possession, 4:17 on clock.
1-T: McCullough, pass from Manning 17. Hall kick.
Drive: 68 yards, 6 plays, :41 possession, :32 on clock.
2-K: Sanford, pass from Couch 87. Hanson kick.
Drive: 87 yards, 1 play, :20, 7:19 on clock.
2-T: Nash, pass from Manning 66. Hall kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 3 plays, 1:32 possession, 5:47 on clock.
2-K: White, run 3. Hanson kick.
Drive: 74 yards, 5 plays, 2:53 possession, 2:54 on clock.
3-T: Lewis, pass from Manning 50. Hall kick.
Drive: 66 yards, 3 plays, 1:32 possession, 13:28 on clock.
3-T: Lewis, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 88 yards, 7 plays, 2:13 possession, 5:17 on clock.
3-K: Hanson, FG 39.
Drive: 59 yards, 7 plays, 1:43 possession, 3:34 on clock.
3-T: Nash, pass from Manning 31. Hall kick.
Drive: 43 yards, 3 plays, 1:09 possession, 2:25 on clock.
4-K: White, run 1. Hanson kick.
Drive: 76 yards, 13 plays, 4:46 possession, 9:02 on clock.
4-T: Lewis, run 1. Hall kick.
Drive: 49 yards, 4 plays, 1:34 possession, 7:28 on clock.
4-T: Lewis, run 21. Hall kick.
Drive: 71 yards, 7 plays, 3:42 possession, 1:04 on clock.

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
Lewis	21	129	1	128	3	23
Price	1	36	0	36	0	36
Bryson	1	2	0	2	0	2
Levine	2	1	2	-1	0	1
Manning	4	10	25	-15	0	9

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yards	TD	Long
Manning	35	25	0	523	5	66
Copeland	1	1	0	22	0	22

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Nash	7	195	3	66
Copeland	7	72	0	35
Bryson	4	70	0	29
Lewis	3	105	1	50
Price	3	46	0	24
McCullough	2	57	1	40

Punting	No.	Yards.	Avg.	Long
Hogue	2	76	38.0	39

Field Goals	Att.	Made	Long
Hall	1	1	49

All Returns	Punts No.Yds.LP	Kickoffs No.YdsLP	Int. No.Yds.LP
Goodrich		1 18 18	
Levine		2 22 12	
C. Wilson		1 31 31	
Fair	1 12 12		2 4 4
Thompson			1 5 5

Fulmer File...

1997 Kentucky Game

When Hal Mumme talked by telephone to our weekly press conference in Knoxville on Tuesday, he commented on the pairing of two outstanding quarterbacks and said that everybody needs to, "relax and enjoy it."

Well, I can't speak for Coach Mumme, but I never relaxed and I couldn't enjoy it until the final seconds ticked off the clock at Commonwealth Stadium. But I'm sure the record crowd of 61,076 enjoyed it immensely insofar as excitement on the football field is concerned.

Peyton Manning and Tim Couch put on quite a show, both of them using their immense talent and leadership. I was tickled to death that we were able to claim the victory, 59-31.

Give Kentucky's coaches and players the credit they deserve. They came into the game with a nice offensive scheme that gave us fits every time they had the ball. Fortunately, our game plan was sound on both sides of the ball.

The offensive unit earned special credit. We challenged Peyton and the rest of them early in the week to score a lot of points because we knew we were going to need everything we could get to offset Tim Couch and his excellent receivers.

The final statistics show how well they met the challenge: Peyton with 523 yards passing and five touchdowns; Marcus Nash with 195 yards and three scoring catches; and Jamal Lewis with enough production to pass the 1000-yard rushing mark in his freshman season, the first Tennessee true freshman to do so.

It was a phenomenal performance by Peyton. Offensive coordinator David Cutcliffe did a great job of play-calling for us, making decisions that allowed us to pile up some points and give us some cushion down the stretch. But there is no room for comfort when Mr. Couch is out there firing away. Tim is a special player who handles himself with great maturity.

We came to Lexington knowing we needed to win and not be concerned with how we got the victory. Our players know you never take anything about Kentucky for granted. It was a dogfight all afternoon. We will face more of the same when Vanderbilt comes to Neyland Stadium next Saturday.

It is with a mixture of sentiment and gratitude that I look ahead to next Saturday and the final home appearance of our 1997 seniors. Sentiment, because I'm going to miss this gang of Vols for their personality, leadership and character. Gratitude, for the remarkable contributions they have made to UT football these past four seasons.

Because of the manner in which publicity is dished out, this particular time in Vol history might very well be dubbed the Peyton Manning era. Nobody is happier than I am that Peyton has received deserved recognition for his vast accomplishments as a Vol. Furthermore, Peyton has been the epitome of a team player, always looking for ways to credit others and deflect attention from himself.

As much as we owe Peyton, I want to give credit to all the seniors. They have been an extraordinary group of young men, a pleasure to coach and fun to be around. Their contribution to the University of Tennessee will not soon be forgotten, etched in stone by their won-lost record and post-season performances. The thing that sets them apart, though, is their senior leadership. As a group, they rise to the occasion, making the plays that need to be made to establish momentum for us or to deny momentum for our opponents.

This Saturday, as these seasoned warriors are introduced before the start of the Vanderbilt game, I hope you will join us in bidding a fond farewell to one of my favorite senior classes: Brent Beavers, Shane Begnaud, Eric Brown, Jonathan Brown, Buck Buxton, Graff Corby, Bill Duff, Terry Fair, Jeremy Fitzgerald, Cory Gaines, Jason Grant, Chris Hogue, Leonard Little, Brian Lynch, Peyton Manning, Andy McCullough, Jason Myers, Marcus Nash, Tori Noel, Sam Pinner, Robert Poole, Craig Sanford, Benjie Shuler, Trey Teague and Michael Traa.

-- Phillip Fulmer

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... A Look at Bobby Dodd

He is remembered as perhaps the most famous of all of Tennessee's football sons, but in the beginning Bobby Dodd was a very reluctant Volunteer.

A four-year regular at quarterback for Kingsport High School, where he had passed for 37 touchdowns and rushed for 30 more during his career, the young Dodd pondered scholarship offers from bitter in-state grid rivals Vanderbilt and Tennessee. He picked Vanderbilt, and took his best buddy, end Paul Hug, to Nashville along with him.

For Several days he practiced with Coach Dan McGugin's Commodores, and he was having the time of his life. To his great relief, there had been no mention of academics. He was an indifferent student. But then one day word came that Vanderbilt had received his high school transcript.

"They came on the field and said 'Bobby, your grades just came in,'" he recalled later. "'We never saw such grades as yours. There's no way you can enter Vanderbilt.'"

He and Hug had a go at Georgia Tech, with the same result. Georgia turned him down for a scholarship. He was all set to have a fling at Mercer College, when his brother John, a student at Tech, called UT's young head coach, Bob Neyland.

"Neyland was mad as he could be, but he wanted my buddy Paul," Dodd remembered. "He told us to be in Knoxville by 10 o'clock the next morning."

It was the fall of 1927, Neyland's second year at Tennessee. On the afternoon of their arrival, Dodd and Hug played with the freshmen team in a game that "spoiled" their eligibility for any other school. Like it or not, Dodd was a Tennessee Vol.

He liked it. He played three sports — football, basketball and baseball — as a freshman, joined a fraternity, and became a popular campus figure. He took the easiest classes he could find.

As a sophomore in 1928 it appeared that his fellow classmen, such as Gene McEver, Buddy Hackman and Hug, would leave him behind. The number one quarterback was the captain of the team and its best punter, Roy Witt. But early that season the famous "Dodd's Luck" came into play. Witt was injured and lost for the year. Dodd, the number two QB and also the next best punter, replaced him in the starting lineup. And the rest is an important chapter in Southern football history.

All in all, seven sophomores made the first eleven in 1928, hence the famous nickname, "Flaming Sophs." In three seasons they lost only one game, an 18-0 defeat to Alabama in 1930, the year that McEver, the All-America tailback, had to sit out because of a knee injury. Dodd did most of the Vols' passing and punting over those three years, sometimes making up plays on the field, and was selected as the quarterback on the most prestigious All-American team of them all, the eleven selected by Grantland Rice.

His greatest game was probably the 13-0 win over Vanderbilt at Nashville in 1930, when he accounted for 212 of the Vols' 226 yards gained, passed for both touchdowns, and did all the kicking in a 60-minute performance. And he was still making up plays in the very last game he played for Tennessee, the finale of the 1930 season against Florida at Jacksonville. His head coach was probably the most surprised man in the audience.

"All of the sudden a play started that none of us had ever seen before," Neyland said later. "Everyone on the bench stood up to see what was coming off, and none of us could find the ball. Finally, Skeets

Mayer, our center, came up off the ground with it and started off down the sidelines all by himself."

Mayer was wide open and would have scored a touchdown but slipped on the sandy surface and fell down. But the play helped set up a touchdown in the 13-6 win, and Neyland took Dodd out of the game and asked him about it.

"It just came to me, and the fellows and I talked about it during the timeout and decided to use it," said Dodd.

Dodd played basketball and baseball as well as football for three varsity seasons, but left after the 1930-31 school years without graduating. He explained it very simply. "I just didn't like to study," he said.

But Dodd's Luck never deserted him. After he joined Bill Alexander's staff at Georgia Tech, he came back to UT to coach one of the best teams in an all-star game at Shields-Watkins Field after the 1933 season. His team won the game, 7-0, and afterwards there was a lottery draw among all the players and coaches, with a brand new Chevrolet as the top prize. And who was the grand prize winner? Who else? Bobby Dodd.

This writer was fortunate to draw assignments to cover Dodd's Tech teams many times during his wonderful career as the Yellow Jackets coach. He was, I think, a unique figure in college football. He was the only coach I ever knew who was exactly the same in postgame interviews, whatever the outcome. You could not tell by his demeanor or expression whether he won or lost. I asked him once if that was natural or acquired.

"It's something I worked on," he said. "Inside, I hurt just as much as anybody when I lose."

Former Vol
John Boynton
(1965-67)

John Boynton came to Tennessee in the recruiting class of 1963-64 from Pikeville (Bledsoe County), and was one of the first players Doug Dickey visited when he arrived in Knoxville in December 1963. The other player, of course, was Bob Johnson from nearby Cleveland. Both made their impact on the Vol program.

Boynton started for the Vols all three of his seasons and earned All-SEC honors in the SEC championship season of 1967. He and Johnson shared the Simpson Theatres Award as the best linemen on the 1967 team. He was a seventh round draft choice of the Miami Dolphins in 1968.

He coached at Bledsoe County and at Rhea County and now runs Warrior Sporting Goods in Pikeville.

Pikeville's John Boynton was a dominating player at offensive tackle for the Vols from 1965-67.

Lady Vols Finish 9th in District IX Championships

Kristen Ritter led every race for Lady Vols this season, including the Lady Vols final race of the season at the District III Championships in Birmingham, Ala. Ritter finished in 21st place with a time of 18:15 for the Lady Vols, while Mindy Watkins was the next highest Lady Vol to finish, winding up in 45th.

Banner and Rings Presented at Game

On Friday, Nov. 21, in a game agianst Lousiana Tech, the Lady Vol basketball team's fifth national championship banner was raised to the rafters of Thompson-Boling Arena to celebrate the 1996-97 squad's crowning achievement. It was also the same day the ceremony was held to present the two-time reigning title holders with their NCAA championship rings.

Golf Finishes Fifth in Match-Play Tournament

Tennessee's first-ever venture in a match-play tournament was a successful one, as the seventh-seeded Lady Vols took fifth at the Rolex Team Championships. UT dropped its first contest with second-seeded Arizona State, 3-2, but used a tie-breaker to defeat sixth-seeded Oregon after the teams were deadlocked at 2.5. The Lady Vols went on to capture the consolation crown with a 4-1 victory over eighth-seeded San Jose State. Senior Erin Kurczewski was the only Lady Vol to take all of her matches, finishing 3-0.

Alumni Gym To Close Doors To Volleyball

The televised Tennessee-Kentucky match on Sunday, Nov. 16 was the final volleyball match at Alumni Gym, as the building will close its doors after over 20 years of service as the Lady Vols' primary facility. Prior to Sunday's match the Lady Vols fell to Kentucky three games to one in Lexington as Tennessee dropped to 13-18, and 4-9 SEC. Before playing Kentucky, Tennessee took on Western Carolina where the Lady Vols won 3-0, pushing its streak of consecutive wins against non-conference opponents to six.

In 1990 the Lady Vol coaching staff decided to return to Alumni for all of its home matches after playing the 1989 season in Stokely. Prior to the move to Alumni, volleyball matches were often held at the Physical Education Building (now the HPER Building)

Next year, Tennessee will move into Stokely Athletics Center to play all of its home matches. Built in 1932, Alumni Gym will remain open for use by the performing arts. The fall season ends with the SEC Tournament Nov. 21-23 at the University of Georgia.

Swimming Ranked in First Poll

With 145 votes, the preseason College Swim Coaches Association Speedo Poll ranked Tennessee 12th for the 1997-98 season. Coming off an 11th-place finish at last year's NCAA Championships, Coach Dan Collela's squad returns 16 athletes, including eight who were All-Americans. Stanford was the nation's top-ranked team, while seven SEC schools appeared in the poll with No. 4 Georgia topping the list.

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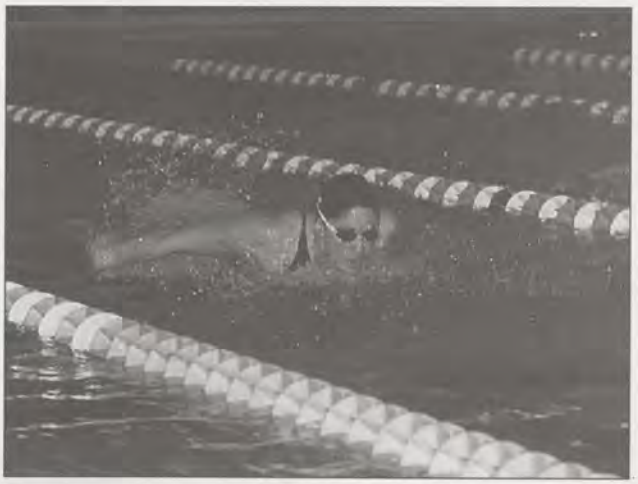
Plummer Leads Lady Vols to 3-0 Start

Senior All-America Emily Plummer has the Tennessee Women's Swimming and Diving team off to its best start since the 1995-96 season. A triple winner in a tri-meet over Miami (Fla.) - 139-82, and Arkansas - 154-46, Plummer provisionally qualified for the NCAAs in the 100y backstroke. Joining Plummer on the podium was senior All-American Fabiola Molina, who claimed victories in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Tennessee captured nine of 13 races en route to the wins.

—Brad Laux



Emily Plummer helped stake the Lady Vols to a 12th place ranking nationally in the national polls.

This Week In Big Orange Country

Gary Frank Wallace Endowment Fund Begun

The University of Tennessee has received another scholarship endowment gift this fall. Al Wallace of Cobb, Ga., has made a pledge of $125,000 to endow a postgraduate scholarship for student-athletes to honor the memory of his son, Gary Frank Wallace.

Gary was a 1963 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Civil Engineering. A past president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Gary had planned to attend graduate school at Tennesee when he was called to serve in Vietnam. His dream was to attend graduate school at the University of Tennessee to pursue studies in the areas of Engineering and Transportation.

Gary volunteered to stay an extra six months so that he could go to officers training school. Before he realized either goal, he was killed in the line of duty in 1967.

"He had volunteered to spend an extra six months in Vietnam so he could get into officer training at Fort Belvoir," said Wallace. "His dream was to get a master's degree in engineering and another master's in transportation. He told me, ' When I get out of the service, I can name my own price and who I want to work for.'"

Wallace, a retired Tennessee Valley Authority employee, says that going to graduate school meant a lot to his son. Because of that, he decided to establish the endowment to give other young men an opportunity.

"To carry out his dream of getting a master's degree, I had a little extra change and started this scholarship," said Wallace. "If they get their regular degree at UT and they want to get their master's, this money can help."

Attending graduate school is becoming more prevalent among student-athletes in today's society. Current Vol football players Peyton Manning, Leonard Little and Tori Noel are graduate students at Tennessee this fall. Before his injury, Brad Lampley would have joined the other three graduates as a Vol player this fall.

With the endowment by Al Wallace, other Volunteer student-athletes will have a chance to further their education and pursue their dreams.

"We're pleased that Al Wallace has made a commitment to the University of Tennessee for graduate study by our student-athletes," said Associate Athletics Director Development Mike Hamilton. "We appreciate his generosity and desire to help the next generation of athletes who will be a part of our program in the years to come."

To endow a full scholarship in 1997 requires a total gift of $125,000, with only the interest used for scholarship funding.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff

In honor of Al Wallace's son, Gary (pictured), an endowment has been started for student-athlete post-grad studies.

Jolly Speaks to Congressional Committee

Junior point guard Kellie Jolly has had the opportunity to do many interesting things in her travels with the Lady Vol basketball team, but on Oct. 27 she did something she probably never imagined she would do. As if going to the White House was to be a once-and-a-lifetime opportunity (although she's been twice in her two years at UT), speaking before a congressional sub-committee was even more unique.

On Tennessee's most recent White House trip, Jolly broke away from the traveling party as they went to tour the Capitol and joined four others to speak before the sub-committee of Public Health and Safety. With Tennessee senator Bill Frist as the chair, Jolly was asked by women's basketball coach Pat Summitt to talk to the sub-committee about the effects of youth smoking.

Frist had originally approached Summitt to find a female athlete to be represented on the panel. The five-time national champion coach asked her two upperclassmen point guards, Jolly and Laurie Milligan, and Jolly stepped forward.

"I was glad to be able to do it," said Jolly afterwards. "To be able to go in an express my opinion on the issue was a unique opportunity.

"As an athlete, I had extra incentive to not smoke while I was growing up, it hinders my athletic performance," she continued.

She did not go into the hearings unprepared. Lady Vol head athletic trainer Jenny Moshak loaded Jolly down with information before she went to speak.

"Smoking effects athletic performance," Moshak explained. "Smoke irritates the bronchials and it kills the hair-like structures in the lungs that sweep out debris. Plus it hurts lung capacity when you run."

As the oldest member of the panel (she's 19), Jolly was joined by people of varying backgrounds. There was a 14-year old who did not smoke, a 16-year-old who did and an 18-year old who used to smoke, but gave it up because she was pregnant.

"Growing up in a non-smoking family, I have never considered smoking. I could not reach my maximum athletic capacity if I did," said Jolly. "What I don't understand is if athletes do not want to do anything harmful to their bodies, why would anyone want to do it differently."

Besides Jolly, Tom Cronan, husband of Women's Athletics Director Joan Cronan was also in attendance for the panel, the first of many set up on the subject, which lasted for about 45 minutes.

—Brad Laux

Kellie Jolly spoke before members of Congress about the smoking and the effects on teenagers.

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NCAA Q & A

The VASF would like to stress to everyone the importance of these guidelines; it only takes one infraction to land a sport and university on probation or to receive sanctions. This week we'll look at the types of inducements, benefits, or privileges not allowed by the NCAA to be given to any types of prospects (including signees) or current student-athletes by any University of Tennessee Athletic Representatives. Remember all VASF supporters are considered official athletic representatives of the University.

QUESTION: Can I, being an athletic representative, give any help to a prospective or current student-athlete? Say it is raining outside, can I give him or her a ride in my car?

ANSWER: No on both counts. At no point during the recruitment or during that student's time enrolled as an athlete is he or she to be given any of the following inducements from athletic representatives, including donors. These inducements include gifts of cash or loans, promise of summer or post-graduate employment, special discounts or deferred payment arrangements on loans, employment of a prospect's family or friends, free or reduced professional services, or given free use of an automobile. Also, the NCAA prohibits athletic representatives from providing a current or prospective student-athlete with free transportation. Representatives also can not sign a note for a loan, provide any type of gift or money or other tangible items, guarantee bail bonds, purchase items or services from prospect's family at inflated prices, or directly or indirectly provide transportation to enroll at the University. As is well known, athletic representatives also can not provide any financial aid other than that administered by the University of Tennessee, promise financial aid for a post-graduate education, or arrange for free or reduced housing. Remember that it only takes one violation to cost a student-athlete his or her NCAA eligibility. Watch this space next week for more NCAA Q & A.

Point System Question of the Week

The VASF staff members have been hitting the road this month in an effort to answer questions everyone may have about the new point system. Mike Hamilton and John Currie have traveled across the state of Tennessee during November. Here is one common question the VASF staff members have received during the past week, both on the road and in their office.

QUESTION: "I got my point sheet and sent in an appeal a few weeks ago. So far, I have not heard anything back from them. What do I need to do about this?"

ANSWER: The VASF staff is considering each appeal very closely. After an appeal has been resolved, that donor will be notified. Responses to all point system appeals should be mailed by the end of December. An updated point standings sheet will also be included in the response.

Remember all point system appeals must be received by the deadline of November 30, 1997.

SEC Championship Game Reception

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association will sponsor their traditional away game reception in Atlanta, Ga., if the Volunteers travel to the Georgia Dome to compete in the SEC Championship Game. It will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center rooms 304-305 on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A cash bar and snacks will be available. For more information, please contact Steve Catlett in the Alumni Association office at (423) 974-3011.

VASF Open on Vanderbilt Game Day

The VASF office will be open before Tennessee's season-finale against Vanderbilt from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.. This is an excellent time to stop by with comments or questions about the point system. This is also a good time to get your 1998 donation in before the end of the 1997 tax year.

Men's Free Basketball Parking

The athletic department will again sponsor free basketball parking and shuttle service from Tennessee's agricultural campus this year for all home games. Contact parking services at (423) 974-6011 for more information.

VASF Hires Bill Myers as New Intern

Bill Myers, who came over to athletics after a four-year stint at Andersen Consulting in the Nashville area, began his service to the VASF on Nov. 10, 1997. Myers has some big shoes to fill after Klane Maples and Mike Smith did such great jobs. Everyone is excited about Myers and are confident he will do a great job in the VASF office. Congratulations.

VASF Appeal Period Deadline Nears

The deadline for submitting all point totals appeals to the Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund office is November 30, 1997. If you wish to appeal your point credit total, please submit the appeal in writing. The donor should substantiate the appeal. Once the appeal has been considered, the VASF staff will contact the donor with a letter by mid-December. For more information on the point system, contact Mike Hamilton or John Currie in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218.

Baseball Ticket Information

The Diamond Vols' season starts in less than two months. Now is a good time to get your name on the mailing list for season or individual game ticket package information.

Contact Chip Bryant in the office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218 for more details. The 1998 Season Ticket Renewal cards will be mailed the first part of December.

Orange & White Weekend

Make your plans now to come to Knoxville on Friday night, Nov. 28, for the Saturday, Nov. 29 football game against Vanderbilt. Coach Jerry Green's charges will tangle with the Mountaineers of Appalachian State on Friday night in Thompson-Boling Arena. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this chance to see some exciting action indoors on Friday night and outdoors on Saturday afternoon. Tickets for can be charged by phone with Visa, Master Card, or Discover Card, from the ticket office at (423) 656-1200.

Dr. Pepper SEC Fan Fare

Football fans heading to Atlanta, Ga., to watch the Southeastern Conference Championship Game on Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. should not miss the other attraction happening at the Georgia World Congress Center Hall C on Dec. 5 and 6. SEC Fan Fare is a showcase for every SEC sport through interactive games, displays, exhibit, video presentations, and much more. This spectacular interactive theme park covers more than 100,000 square feet of the Georgia World Conference Center. The park will be open on Friday, Dec. 5, from 2 p.m. until 10 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Admission is $8 daily, but $3 off discount coupons are available at all Atlanta-area Chick-fil-A stores. For more information on the Dr. Pepper SEC FanFare, call the SEC office in Birmingham, Ala, at (205) 458-3000.

—Steve Sams

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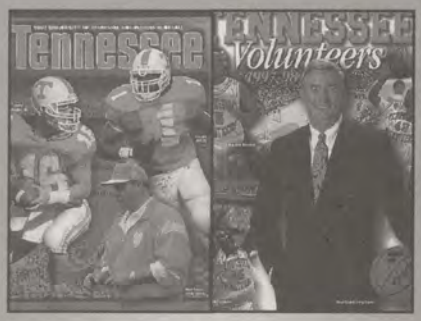

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Vol Hoops Action...

Vols open Jerry Green Era with a Victory!

Tennessee freshman Tony Harris helped spark the Vols to a 28 point lead in the second half versus Winthrop before taking a seat in the Vols 75-62 victory. Photo by The Knoxville News-Sentinel.

The Volunteer basketball squad opened its 1997-98 season with a 75-62 victory over outmanned Winthrop University. The score was not indicative of the dominance of the new high-powered Tennessee offense. Before the Vols bench took over to finish the game, Tennessee had built a 67-39 lead with 8:03 to play. Coach Jerry Green's fast -paced offense had come to Knoxville in successful fashion.

However, it took 21 minutes for the up tempo offense to really take effect. The first half looked much like a young squad working in a new game plan. There were some flashes of brilliance and Tennessee's young team began to assert themselves. Charles Hathaway and C.J. Black were like palace guards guarding the queen, turning away anyone not in Orange and White. It was not that they blocked every shot or that they grabbed every rebound, but the presence of the twin towers was enough to keep the Eagles to shooting from the perimeter. In the first half that seemed to help keep the game close. The Eagles had no plans to run-n-gun with the likes of this Vol squad.

Tony Harris sparked the Vol offense in the early going, scoring nine points before intermission. Tennessee needed him in the first half, as much as Tony needed the rest of the team in the second as Tony would not score another point for the remainder of the game. He did finish with three assists and two steals. He could have finished with more assists, but the Vols passed on some open shots or they missed them in the early going. Evident in their 13 for 27 shooting performance in the first half. The second half would be much different.

Tennessee was determined to turn the offensive machine on. In the first 5:14 of the second half, Tennessee took a 35-28 half-time advantage and stretched it out to 51-33. It was not just one player, but everyone got into the act. First it was Hathaway, then Rashard Lee, who finished with six points, off a steal and laid it in. Brandon Wharton began to show signs that he is coming out his slump and that his shooting touch is back, canning a three-pointer for a 42-28 lead, and only 2:39 had elapsed off the clock.

The Vols were not done yet, as Black came back with a layup, Wharton bombed in another trey, and Isiah Victor rammed home a dunk. He missed a three-point opportunity, one of 11 chances the Vols had on the evening to put the game way out of reach, but another newcomer, Del Baker dialed in from Cleveland for three.

Tennessee and Winthrop began to trade baskets for the next six and a-half-minutes as the Vols lead was now 67-39. Much of that lead was maintained thanks to the long range guns of Aaron Green, who found his three-point range against the Eagles. Green tied for high-point honors on the evening, scoring 10. It seems odd that you would have two players lead a team in scoring with 10 each, sharing the lead with Victor, but every player scored for Tennessee except Anthony Sewell.

Tennessee played everyone hoping that game experience will pay off in February and March. "We played well at times, but we could have finished a little stronger," said Coach Green. "We wanted to give everybody a chance to play and see how the younger guys would do. We could have kept up the pressure and score a little more, but that is not how you do things. I wanted to take a look at everbody and give the kids who have worked hard in practice a chance to play."

Just as the 1997-98 season opened in a new era, so did the new style Vols. It may be a little rough running in the beginning, but the players like the style of play and they will get more and more comfortable as each game passes. For Vol fans, Tennessee is a program on the rise and these players may very well lead the way.

The Vols were back on the hard wood this past week with three home games. See our next issue for results and stats.

—Donnell Field

Tennessee 75: A. Harris 2-5, 5-6 9, Black 3-7, 2-2 8, Wharton 3-5, 0-0 8, Lee 3-5, 0-1 6, Hathaway 2-3, 2-8 6, T. Harris 2-3, 0-0 4, Victor 5-6, 0-1 10, Green 4-9, 0-0 10, Baker 2-7, 0-0 6, Moore 2-3, 0-0 4, Davis 1-4, 0-2 2, Jones 1-1, 0-0 2. Totals 30-58, 9-20 75.

Winthrop 62: McFalls 6-13, 1-3 16, Groves 5-12, 4-6 14, Laster 4-8, 0-0 8, Toxey 3-6, 0-1 6, Butts 3-8, 1-2 8, Coles 1-2, 0-0 2, Pinckne 0-2, 0- 0, Wallace 2-7, 0-0 5, Juskowiak 0-1, 0-0 0, Waldrop 1-4, 0-0 3. Totals 25-63, 6-12 62.

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Lady Vol Hoops Action...

Lady Vols Tuneup in Exhibition Win

There doesn't seem to be any freshmen jitters in this new class of players that have come into Pat Summitt's fold. In their one exhibition game, three freshman combined for 58 points.

All of this helped the Lady Vols to a 111-54 victory over the U.S. Armed Forces at Thompson-Boling Arena in the second game of a basketball double-header. After the first five minutes had expired the game was never in question. The only answers were what would the newcomers learn from this game and when would the Lady Vols reach the century mark? I say that because they already had 61 points at halftime.

Tennessee's two-time All-America and leading scorer, Chamique Holdsclaw, did not need to shoulder the scoring load. That was a burden she will be glad to shed. Holdsclaw finished with 18 points on 7-10 shooting

Besides trying to figure out how well the freshmen would fit into the system there was another question to be answered. That would be the play of the post position where Tennessee is thin, having lost Pashen Thompson to graduation and Tiffani Johnson.

Sophomore Lashonda Stephens responded well in 21 minutes of action scoring 11 points, but more importantly controlling the boards grabbing 10 rebounds.

It was Holdsclaw that got things going for Tennessee. However, in the first minute Holdsclaw picked up two quick fouls. It did not appear to affect her game as she canned two outside jumpers and a six footer for an early 6-2 lead.

At the 17:26 mark it was Stephens that ignited a Tennessee run that saw the Lady Vols stretch their lead from two points to 21 before the Armed Forces team could respond. Stephens was responsible for seven of those points over that five minute and fifty-second span.

Another Lady Vol was beginning to turn up the heat. The burning fire that started as a smolder came from the freshman Tamika Catchings. Catching's first points came off of a trey. Her first game in a Lady Vol uniform began with a great first half as she tallied 17 points, combined with Holdsclaw's 14 gave Tennessee a 61-29 advantage at the break.

Among the figures that stood out at the break, besides the 32 point difference, was that Tennessee owned the boards (30-9) and had balanced scoring among its players. Jolly had six at the break, Stephens had nine and Kyra Elzy had five. Two other freshmen contributed in the first half bombardment as Semeka Randall scored eight points and had six boards, while Teresa Geter dropped in a basket and had two rebounds.

A fourth freshman, Kristen "Ace" Clement sat out of the game with a sore foot, which she aggravated in warmups. Doctors had the ankle x-rayed and found a small stress fracture in the foot and that her status would be day-to-day. Coach Summitt hoped to have her back before the start of the season when the Lady Vols faced Mississippi in SEC action on Nov. 18.

Tennessee came out firing to start the second half as the Armed Forces team saw the Lady Vol margin grow from 32 to 56 before they scored their first points at the 13:10 mark. The Lady Vols had outscored them 24-2 over that six minute frame. Tennessee's lead grew to as much as 63 and floated around the 60 point margin for most of the second half before the final margin of 57 points came with 26 seconds remaining.

Coach Summitt was pleased with her team's performance. "It was good to play against someone other than ourselves and the practice players," she said. "We can learn from a game like this. The freshmen can get out their jitters and our team defense can be evaluated."

Stephens led the first barrage with a layup followed by Catchings eight consecutive points. Catchings finished with 34 points on the day to lead all scorers. She scored from almost every range, with the exception of half-court. She hit on 12 of 15 from the floor, including 3 of 4 from three-point range, and was 7 of 8 from the charity stripe.

Holdsclaw finished with 18 points and nine boards. Holdsclaw did not have to score that often and watched as every Lady Vol scored.

The freshman Randall finished with 16 points on 8 of 17 shooting, while collecting 10 rebounds, part of an eye-catching 64 rebounds, which was more than twice (31) what the Armed Forces grabbed.

Another impressive stat was the 18 assists dished out by the Lady Vols, led by Jolly with seven. Tennessee also committed 19 turnovers, which is not bad considering they are playing more of a full court type of offense. They forced the Armed Forces into 33 turnovers in comparison, part of which came on 14 steals led by Elzy and Jolly with four each.

Tennessee fans got to see what this next generation of ball players will bring to the court, and they left with a big smile and wandering if championship number six is not too far behind. Time will only tell.

—Donnell Field

Tennessee: Butts 2-2, 0-0 4, Elzy 3-6, 1-5 7, Greene 1-3, 0-0 2, Jolly 3-6, 2-2 9, Randall 8-17, 0-4 16, Holdsclaw 7-10, 4-9 18, Catchings 12-15, 7-8 34, Laxton 1-5, 0-0 2, Stephens 5-12, 1-2 11, Geter 4-9, 0-0 8. Totals 46-85, 15-30 111.

Armed Forces: Bailey 0-4, 0-0 0, Rodriquez 0-3, 0-0 0, Howard 7-13, 1-2, 15, Griffin 1-3, 0-0 2, Davis 1-6, 0-0, 3, Thomas 1-6, 1-2, 3, Chenault 1-4, 4-4 6, Lyons 6-22, 6-21 18, Strickland 0-0, 0-0 0, Smith 0-1, 0-0 0, Conston 3-7, 0-0 0. Totals 20-69, 6-8 54.

Pat Summitt and her four freshmen, three of whom contributed 48 points in the Armed Forces exhibition game.

SEC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

EAST	SEC	OVERALL
Tennessee	5-1	8-1
Florida	6-2	8-2
Georgia	5-2	7-2
South Carolina	3-5	5-5
Kentucky	2-5	5-5
Vanderbilt	0-7	3-7
WEST		
Auburn	5-2	8-2
LSU	5-2	7-3
Miss. State	4-2	7-2
Ole Miss	3-3	6-3
Alabama	2-5	4-6
Arkansas	1-5	3-6

Football News Names All-SEC Team

On Nov. 12, Football News released it 1997 First Team All-SEC list as well as its First Team All-America squad. The entire list will be announced on Dec. 6. The Vols placed four members on the SEC list as quarterback Peyton Manning, placekicker Jeff Hall, defensive end Leonard Little and cornerback Terry Fair were named to the First Team All-SEC squad.

Manning was also tabbed as First Team All-America, his first All-America honor this season.

Manning Named SEC Player of the Week

For his performance in the Tennessee/Southern Mississippi game, the Vols quarterback, Peyton Manning, was named SEC Offensive Player of the Week. Manning finished the game with 399 yards on 35-53 passing with four TD passes and a one-yard sneak for his 11th career rushing touchdown.

Manning's 399 yards passing was a UT regular season record. He now has 2500 yards on the season. Manning now has 9,882 career yards passing, which places him third on the SEC all-time passing leaderboard. He needs only 118 yards to become only the third SEC quarterback and 12th nationally to pass for 10,000 yards in a career.

Fred White Named to List

Sophomore defensive back Fred White was named as one of 16 finalists for the first-ever Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award, which will presented to the best NCAA Division I-A college football special teams player. White is one of two SEC players (John Avery - Ole Miss) listed among the finalists. The reserve cornerback for the Vols has been a big hitter, leading the special teams in tackles.

Vols Top Miami (Fla.) and Texas A&M

The Tennessee swimming and diving team scored a pair of wins on Nov. 7, at the UT Aquatic Center in a double dual-meet against the University of Miami (Fla.) and Texas A&M University.

The Vols defeated the Hurricanes 143-100 and claimed a 141-86 victory over the Aggies.

The three combatants competed simultaneously while the scores were kept separately for each of the three contestants. Tennessee dominated the Aggies all afternoon, losing only two events, the 50 freestyle and the one meter diving, before entering exhibition contestants in the final three events. The Hurricanes gave the Vols a good challenge.

The score remained close throughout the meets first five events until head coach John Trembley's charges pulled off consecutive 1-2-3 finishes in the 200 medley and the 200 butterfly that finally gave the Vols a comfortable margin between the two schools.

Versus the Aggies, Vol winners included Matt Hall (1000 freestyle and 500 freestyle), Casey Quilter (200 freestyle), Tom Williams (200 individual medley), Joel Shapiro (200 butterfly), Rodney Panek (100 freestyle), and Sean Stringer (200 backstroke).

Those claiming victories for the Vols against the Hurricanes were Williams (200 individual medley), Shapiro (200 butterfly), Stringer (200 backstroke), Hall (500 freestyle) and Jeremy Linn (200 breaststroke).

With the two victories, the Vols upped their dual meet victories to 41 consecutive wins at home and 22 overall. Next on the schedule was a Nov. 22 meet versus Texas.

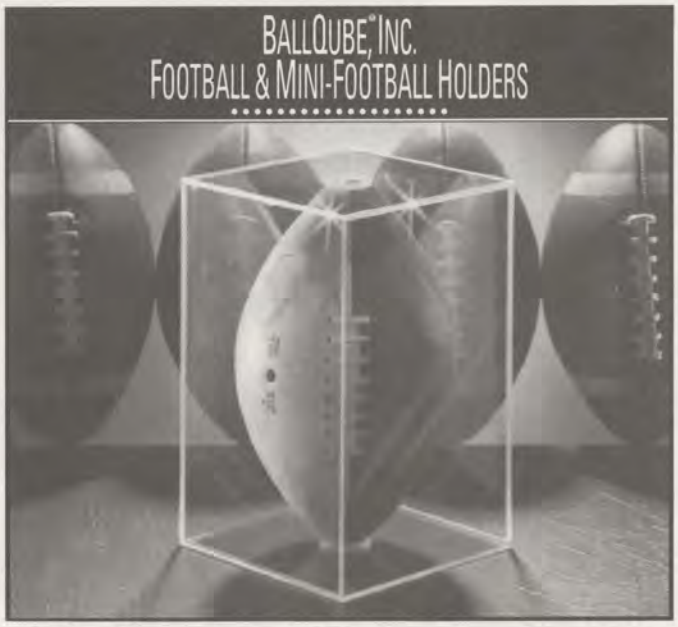
Basketball Signs Highly Sought After Recruit

Tennessee head basketball coach Jerry Green announced the signing of Vincent Yarbrough of Cleveland, Tenn., to a national letter of intent on Nov. 12.

Yarbrough, regarded as one of the nation's top prospects, inked with the Vols in a signing ceremony at Cleveland High School. He joins his older brother and current Vol, Del Baker who is a freshman this season at Tennessee.

Yarbrough, a 6-7, 200-pound prospect, averaged 19 points, 12 rebounds, 7.3 blocked shots and 5.1 assists last season for the Cleveland Blue Raiders. He led the Blue Raiders to a 33-2 record and a state championship in Class AAA. He was named the Class AAA state tournament MVP and is the top candidate for Mr. Basketball, an award given to the state's top player in each classification.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff



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The Last Word...

"Gen. Neyland: The Last Hurrah!"

The date was Nov. 29, 1952, 45 years ago this week. The game was Tennessee and Vanderbilt, played this season at Dudley Field in Nashville, just off West End Avenue.

The Vols were 7-2-1 and head coach Bob Neyland had a Cotton Bowl bid in his back pocket. As events would unfold, the game would prove to be the last for Neyland on the Vol sideline.

The final that day was 46-0 as the Vols braved a Nashville snow storm to hand the Commodores their worst defeat in the then 46-year history of the series.

Leading the way was sophomore tailback Pat Oleksiak, who scored three TDs and passed for two more despite the adverse weather conditions.

Savage defensive play -- the sort which makes All-Americas -- held the vaunted Vandy offense powerless and limited the Commodores to three first downs during the afternoon. The Vandy passing attack failed to connect a single time during the afternoon. The Vandy ground game netted but 13 yards.

Tennessee's defense intercepted two passes for TDs and three of the five fumbles they recovered set up subsequent scores. Leading the defensive effort was tackle Doug Atkins, a 1952 All-America selection who consistently broke up Vandy pass plays by smearing the passer in his tracks and who ran 36 yards with an intercepted pass to score the Vols' first touchdown.

After Atkins scored on his interception return, Pat Shires threw a TD pass to Vic Kolenik, Oleksiak scored on a short run and threw TD passes to Kolenik and Frank Alexander. Oleksiak closed the scoring in the fourth quarter with two more TD runs.

To more fully understand the import of the game, flash back to 1926, 26 years earlier. When Dean Nathan Dougherty hired Neyland he did so with the following injunction: "Even the score with Vanderbilt; do something about our terrible standing in the series."

History records that Neyland did, in fact, "do something."

When Neyland took over the Vol program in 1926, the Vols trailed in the series 2-17-2. By the time the 1952 game was in the books, the Vols had squared the series 21-21-4, with the 1926-52 record being 19-4-2 (a figure which includes a loss in 1935 under Bill Britton while Neyland was in the Canal Zone and three wins under John Barnhill in 1941, 1942 and 1945, while Neyland was serving in World War II.)

Gen. Neyland, shown here with Hank Lauricella (foreground) and Vols (L-R) Andy Kozar, Bert Rechichar, Jack Stroud and Herky Payne (background), led the Vols to many of their finest moments during his career from 1926-52. Neyland was the architect of the Vol tradition as we know it today.

It was just before the 1953 Cotton Bowl, on Christmas Eve that Neyland announced that he was turning the Vol program over to assistant head coach and head offensive coach Harvey Robinson. Neyland told reporters that he hoped to go to Dallas "as a coach and not as a spectator."

He went to the game as a spectator, visiting the Vol dressing room before the game and telling the Vols to "play well." His retirement as head coach became permanent a few months later and he served as Athletic Director until his death in March 1962.

So, for Neyland, his coaching career ended against Vanderbilt, the school he was hired to beat.

In his three terms as Tennessee head coach, Neyland had built the Vols into a juggernaut, one of the big kids on the collegiate block.

During his first tour of duty as Vol head man, Neyland was 76-7-5. From 1936 to 1940, the Vols were 43-7-3. In 1938, the Vols were 11-0-0 and played in their first bowl game. The 1939 team was the last to pitch shutouts against all 10 regular season opponents. On returning from World War II in 1946, Neyland predicted it would take five years to return the Vols to the top. He was almost right. The Vols won the SEC title in 1946 and grabbed the brass ring in 1951, five years later, just as Neyland had predicted. His overall mark was 173-31-12. His teams held opponents scoreless in 106 games.

On his death in 1962, the stadium was named in his honor and memory and an academic scholarship begun in his honor, one which bears his name. The main thoroughfare behind the south end of the Vol stadium also bears his name.

It all ended, coaching-wise, for Neyland on that snowy day in Nashville 45 years ago, but the Tennessee tradition he built during his time here is still evolving.

—Tom Mattingly

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